

SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (SCGA)

Governing Board Meeting

Final Minutes

May 14, 2014

LOCATION: 10060 Goethe Road, Room 1212
Sacramento, CA 95827
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

MINUTES:

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Darren Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The following meeting participants were in attendance:

Board Members (Primary Rep):

Tom Mahon, Agricultural Interests
Rick Bettis, Conservation Landowners
Ron Lowry, Omochumne-Hartnell Water District
Christine Thompson, Public Agencies Self-Supplied
Dave Ocenosak, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company

Board Members (Alternate Rep):

Darren Wilson, City of Elk Grove
Britton Snipes, City of Rancho Cordova
Jim Peifer, City of Sacramento
Forrest, Williams Jr., Sacramento County Water Agency
Jose Ramirez, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District

Staff Members:

Darrell Eck, Executive Director
Heather Peek, Clerk
Ping Chen, SCGA
Ramon Roybal, SCGA

Others in Attendance:

Carl Hauge, David K. Todd Distinguished Lecture Series
Mark Roberson, Water Forum
Joe Turner, Brown and Caldwell
Ali Taghavi, RMC Water and Environment
Jim Blanke, RMC Water and Environment

Rodney Fricke, Aerojet Corp.
Brett Ewart, City of Sacramento
Craig Altare, MWH
Rob Swartz, SGA

Member Agencies Absent

City of Folsom

Elk Grove Water District

Agricultural-Residential

Commercial/Industrial Self-Supplied

Rancho Murieta Community Services District

California-American Water Company

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

The draft meeting minutes for the March 12, 2014 Board meeting were reviewed for final approval.

Motion/Second/Carried – Ms. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. Bettis, the motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes.

Action: Approve Consent Calendar items.

4. BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

The proposed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget for the Groundwater Authority and Well Protection Plan was presented, discussed, and approval recommended by the budget subcommittee as developed on May 1, 2014. The budget subcommittee included Paul Schubert, Bruce Kamilos, Dave Ocenosak, and Rick Bettis. Staff recommended that the Board adopt Resolution 2014-01 to fund the Authority's administrative budget for the next fiscal year and to provide for collection of the annual contributions as described in the JPA. Staff further recommended adoption of the resolution for the Well Protection Program trust fund which totaled zero dollars for next fiscal year.

Mr. Schubert wanted to verify that Attachment D reflected a slight reduction in contributions from member agencies. Mr. Eck replied in the affirmative and indicated that the reason was caused by reduced groundwater pumping by those agencies.

Motion/Second/Carried – Mr. Schubert moved, seconded by Mr. Bettis, the motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes.

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2014-01 to fund the Authority's administrative budget for fiscal year 2014/2015 and provide for the collection of the annual contributions as described in the JPA. Staff further recommends adoption of the aforesaid resolution for the WPP Trust Fund budget for fiscal year 2014/2015.

5. GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT – PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

Carl Hauge, Chief Hydrogeologist, California Department of Water Resources, retired, gave a Power Point presentation on the history and development of groundwater management in California and the Western United States.

Action: Receive and file.

6. AGRICULTURAL DEMAND ESTIMATE AND BASIN MANAGEMENT REPORT

Jim Blanke with RMC, provided a review of the development and the results from the Authority's bi-annual Basin Management Report and Agricultural Demand Estimate project. Mr. Blanke explained the general process for development of the agricultural demand estimate included utilizing SACOG 2008 land use data updated with 2011 and 2012 data from the National Agricultural Statistics Service. To this RMC applied evapotranspiration data based on a previous remote sensing study then applied the IWFM Demand Calculator for root zone water balance and from this was derived the estimated applied water need. Mr. Blanke reported that the agricultural demand estimate for 2012 was 158,000 acre-feet. Mr. Blanke also reported that the updated Basin Management Report determined that total pumping in the Central Basin during 2012 was estimated at 254,600 acre-feet.

Action: Receive and file.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a) CASGEM – Mr. Eck reported that DWR came out with a report on April 30, 2014 detailing the development of the CASGEM program. One of the important items pointed out in the report was that there were still a number of groundwater basins that are not monitoring and reporting as a part of CASGEM and some of those areas are within Sacramento County.
- b) Legislative Update – Mr. Eck stated that RWA keeps a document posted on their website of current ongoing legislation. Mr. Eck specifically mentioned SB1168 Pavley, which calls for groundwater basins to be managed by sustainable groundwater management plans and would authorize the State to take actions if a basin is not properly managed. Mr. Eck then referred to AB 1739 Dickenson which

requires that by January 1, 2020 a sustainable groundwater management plan be adopted in each priority basin in addition to regular reporting requirements and planning horizons, and powers related to assigning usage based on compliance and reporting.

- c) WELL Project – Progress Report – Mr. Eck referred to the attached copies of the latest activity report in the board package and pointed out that there had been seven events in the Central Basin and four events that were planned throughout the summer season.
- d) Mr. Eck reminded the Board that were some members who had not submitted their Form 700 which were due April 1, 2014. He also reminded the Board that certain board terms were expiring and required action for reappointment by August.

8. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Mr. Lowry commented that one of the Omochumne Hartnell Water District Board members indicated an ability to irrigate dormant grape crops with established riparian water rights from the Cosumnes River as a means to percolate water into the ground at a rate of about 1/3 of an acre-foot per day. The issue would be coming up with funds to pay for the pumping costs and administration of a recharge program.

Mr. Peifer announced that the City of Sacramento was in the process of drilling and testing a well site in the Shasta Park area. Testing had produced 2,500-3,000 gallons per minute and the plan was to equip the well and have it in service within the next two years.

Mr. Mahon said he agreed with Mr. Lowry about getting recharge from the Cosumnes River. He stated that his experience had proven that the land adjacent to the Cosumnes River was an excellent place for recharge and that he felt strongly that it would be better to spread water flowing in the Cosumnes River during storm events, across the fields, so it could percolate down for recharge to benefit everybody rather than losing it to the ocean.

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings –

Next SCGA Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, July 9, 2014, 9 am; 10060 Goethe Road, South Conference Room No. 1212 (Sunset Maple).

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By:

B. M. Alvarez

Chairperson

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